

# GRAUSTARK

# 162

1967U, 1967V, 1968G, 1968J

22 June 1968

## PRAYER IN TIME OF WAR

O Lord, our God, help us to tear their soldiers to bloody shreds with our shells; help us to cover their smiling fields with the pale forms of their patriot dead; help us to drown the thunder of the guns with the wounded, writhing in pain; let us lay waste to their humble homes with a hurricane of fire; help us to wring the hearts of their unoffending widows with unavailing grief; help us to turn them out roofless with their little children to wander unfriended through wastes of their desolated land in rags and hunger and thirst, sport of the sun's flame of the summer and the icy winds of winter, broken in spirit, worn with travail, imploring Thee for the refuge of the grave and denied it.

For our sakes, who adore Thee, Lord, blast their hopes, blight their lives, protract their bitter pilgrimage, make heavy their steps, water their way with their tears, stain the white snow with the blood of their wounded feet! We ask of one who is the Spirit of Love and who is the ever-faithful refuge and friend of all that are sore beset, and seek His aid with humble and contrite hearts.

Grant our prayer, O Lord, and Thine shall be the praise and honor and glory now and ever. Amen.

- Mark Twain

1967U

## GERMANS CLOSE IN ON MUNICH

"Fall-Winter 1911"

GERMANY (M. Miller): A Hol-Ruh; A Bur S A Hol-Ruh; A Ber holds; A Kie & F Bal S A Ber; F Den-Swe; A St.P-Liv.

ITALY (Clark): F North Sea-Norway; A Fin, F Lyo, & F Nap hold; F Tyr S F Nap; F Tun-ION;  
A Pie-Tyr; A Rom-Ven; A Tas S A Rom-Ven.

RUSSIA (G. Heap): A Liv-Mos; A Sev S A Liv-Mos; A Pru S ~~TURKISH~~ A War-Liv; A Mun S  
TURKISH A Sil-Ber.

TURKEY (Beshara): A War-Liv; A Boh & A Sil S RUSSIAN A Mun; A Ven S ITALIAN F Nap-Rom;  
A Tyr S A Ven; A Tri S A Ven; F Ion-Nap; F Apu S F Ion-Nap; F Gre-Ion; F Adr & F  
Aeg S F Gre-Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. The supply centers controlled by the High Combatant Powers are the same as those listed in GRAUSTARK #160, except that Germany and Italy have exchanged Norway and Sweden between them. No builds are possible. The deadline for "Spring 1912" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 6 JULY 1968.

BROOKLYN: No word has been received for several months from the French exile Noah of Arc and his airship. According to one report the ship has landed in California and Noah has taken a job as a Little Old Winemaker, while another rumor has it that the ship was shot down over Cuba by a boarded man who cried, "U-2, brute?" Yet another source of information reports that the airship was forced down on an uncharted Pacific island, where Noah of Arc was eaten by a Tyrannosaurus imperator.

1967V

"Winter 1909"

ENGLAND (Lebling): Builds A Lon.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (H. Anderson):

GERMANY (M. Thomson): Removes F Fin.

Builds A Tri.

The deadline for "Spring 1910" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 6 JULY 1968.

## THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

A sizable number of people are receiving this issue of GRAUSTARK as a sample copy. GRAUSTARK, which began publication in May 1963, is the oldest bulletin of postal Diplomacy. It is published every other Saturday by John Boardman, 592 16th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11218. Subscriptions are 10 issues for \$1.00. Back issues are available at 10¢ each, or 15 for \$1.00. Back issues are continuously available from #101, as well as several earlier issues.

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GRAUSTARK #163, which will be published on 6 July, will be the last GRAUSTARK published here until September. During our absence the GRAUSTARK games will be gamesmastered by John McCallum, "A" Quarters, S. E. S., Ralston, Alberta, Canada. Details of this arrangement will be described in #163. GRAUSTARK #164 will be published on Saturday 23 September 1968. It will include a review of the moves published by McCallum.

For all GRAUSTARK readers except those presently playing one of the four games, issues 159, 160, and 161 were mailed two weeks ago in a single envelope. This mailing went out by third-class mail, which is not forwardable. Any reader who did not get those issues is asked to write immediately; they will be sent by first-class mail.

This publication is not edited under the supervision of Bangs Leslie Tapscott.

Lawrence Peery, Diplomacy's answer to Stephen Pickering, will be at AFROTC Training Camp, March AFB, Riverside, Calif. until 13 July 1968.

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"Spring 1904"

## NEW GERMAN GOVERNMENT CLASHES WITH RUSSIA

Stephen Houston has missed two successive moves as Germany, so that country is taken over by the first stand-by, John Koning.

ENGLAND (Walker): F Edi-North Sea; A Bel-Bre; F Bre-Mid; F Eng C A Bel-Bre; F Lon-Wal; F Liv S F Lon-Wal.

FRANCE (Peery): F Wal-Eng; A Pic-Bre; A Gas S A Pic-Bre.

GERMANY (Koning): A Hol-Kie; A Mun-Ber; A Bur-Mun; A Mar-Spa; F Den-Bal.

ITALY (Childers): F Tri holds; A Von S F Tri; A Rom-Nap; F Tun-Tyr.

RUSSIA (Prosnitz): F Swo-Den; A Liv-Pru; A War-Sil; A Boh S A War-Sil; A Vie-Tyr; A Bud S TURKISH F Alb-Tri; F Rum holds; F St.P(s.c.)-Bot.

TURKEY (Lebling): F Alb-Tri; F Con-Aeg; F Smy-Eos; A Gre-Apu; F Ion C A Gre-Apu; A Nap S A Gre-Apu; A Ser S F Alb-Tri.

Underlined moves are not possible. France retreats F Wal-Tri and Italy retreats F Tri-Adr. The deadline for "Fall 1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 6 JULY 1968.

LONDON (3 February 1904): Viand, f. viande, VL, vivanda, for vivenda, from vivere, to live; cf. .... Sp. viande -- Ernest Weekley, A Concise Etymological Dictionary of Modern English, 1952. Vianda, n. f., food, viands, fare, victuals, meat; (Cub., P. R.) fruit and vegetables of a national dish (!) -- Cassell's Spanish Dictionary, 1960. Braaaaaaazzzzz!!

LONDON (15 March 1904): The Ministry of Truth today announced that King-Emperor Huan had appointed a commoner, Stinkley Carbuncle, to be the first Ambassador to Pollutidar, having made him a Knight and Grand Master of the Order of the Skunk. "Sir Stinkley," said the announcement, "is regarded by His Majesty as most aptly representing the policy objectives of the Allied Empires." Privately, however, it is rumored that Sir Stinkley does not believe in the doctrines of racial equality emanating from Pollutidar, but, as he has said, "My bag is power, man, and if this is the gimmick that'll git it for me, I'll buy it."

CONSTANTINOPLE: Italian violations of the Ottoman protectorate of Yugoslavia have left us no choice but to declare war. We realize that this action will come as no surprise to the Italians, in view of the presence of our Third Army in Naples, and our landings in Apulia last month. However, we believe that the best interests of all would be served in making it official.

CONSTANTINOPLE (17 March 1904): A spokesman for the Revolutionary Council was interviewed by the world press today. The attention of much of the world was riveted on Constantinople as he stated the Council's stand on the arms build-up on the German-Russian border.

"The Ottoman Empire has always held the great nation of Germany in high regard - was it not Germany which enabled us to build the railroad linking this city to Baghdad, then the farthest city of our realm? Was it not the Germans who aided us in retaining our very existence in the last years of the last century, when we were set upon by the wolves from the north and west? The history of relations between Germany and Turkey has been good, and it was in this spirit that we received the German communications of the last weeks.

"Those communications I will make public now. The first, dated March 2, 1904, and delivered through Baron Holstein of the German Embassy, asks that in the event of war between Germany and 'any neighboring power' the Ottoman Empire should 'come to the aid of Germany' and calls upon us to fulfill the Treaty of Konigsberg in that regard. The second, dated March 9, 1904 - the day after the incident on the Baltic, you will remember - promises the Empire administration of the Russian possessions in Hungary and a 'restoration of the Imperial boundaries of the 18th century in regard to the northern Black Sea coast'. It also requests that, failing this, we use our 'good offices within

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1968J

"Spring 1904"

## RUSSIA IN ANARCHY; GERMANY IN LUCK

Since Jack Chalker has missed two successive moves as Germany, Hal Naus as first stand-by takes over play of that country. Russia has missed "Spring 1904" moves, so Kevin Roark, the new first stand-by, should submit "Fall 1904" moves for that country. Stand-bys' addresses are in GRAUSTARK #160.

ENGLAND (H. Anderson): A St.P-Mos; F Norway-Swe; F Iri-Eng; F North Sea S F Iri-Eng; F Eng-Pic; F Bre-Gas.

FRANCE (Maloney): A Gas-Mar; A Par S A Gas-Mar ((sic)).

GERMANY (Naus): A Mun-Sil; A Ber S A Mun-Sil; A Kie S A Ber; F Bel-Pic; A Bur S F Bel-Pic; A Den S ENGLISH F Norway-Swe.

ITALY (M. Thomson): F Por-Mid; A Pie-Mar; A Spa S A Pie-Mar; A Ven-Tyr; A Rom-Ven.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Latimer): A Ukr-Mos; A Gal-Mar; F Aeg-Con; A Bul S F Aeg-Con; A Rum S A Bul; A Gre S A Bul; A Ser-Bud.

RUSSIA (Grayson): No moves received. A Pru & F Sev hold. A Sil & F Swe dislodged and annihilated.

TURKEY (White): A Con holds; A Smy S A Con; F Bla-Rum.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Italian F Ion is not ordered, and holds. The deadline for "Fall 1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 6 JULY 1968.

## THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Robert Ward, sometime publisher of Marsovia, also has a new address. It is one of those intolerably cumbersome military things: Robert J. Ward, US 56 837 902, Company D, 4th Battalion, 2nd BCT Brigade, U. S. Army Training Center, Infantry, Fort Lewis, Washington 98433. (What does "BCT" mean - Burns Cong Terribly?) If Ward's idol, George Wallace, is elected, this will be his permanent address.

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A few misprints have crept into recent GRAUSTARKS. On p. 4 of #161, the first words of the antepenultimate paragraph should be "Pages 5-8". And in the reply to Conrad von Metzke's letter to #162, the first two sentences should read "The fact is that 'Eric Starvo Galt', as he called himself, was working for the Wallace campaign in Los Angeles before he came east to kill King. This fact was known at the time of publication of GRAUSTARK #157..."

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Your Gamesmaster confesses to getting old. I can remember when Wallace was the good guy, and McCarthy was the bad guy - and when the emblem of the Democratic Party was the donkey, not the pushmi-pullyu.

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The space in this GRAUSTARK which was originally planned for the next installment of "A Brief History of the Grand Duchy of Beaucouillon" was pre-empted by the Dunne piece beginning on the next page. The 28th installment of this history will appear in GRAUSTARK #163.

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Have you sent a letter of condolence to Barbara Garson yet?

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"Through six years of on-the-spot war reporting in Vietnam, during which he has been wounded and earned a Pulitzer Prize, photographer Horst Faas has retained a puckish humor. Preparing last week for a stateside trip, and reading of the violence in the cities, he added a footnote to a photo advisory: "...Do you think it's safe enough in  
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## AN INTERNATIONAL POLICE FORCE

by Finley Peter Dunne

The wisdom dispensed by Finley Peter Dunne's famous "Mr. Dooley" across his bar in Chicago is still quite up to date. But Mr. Dooley was approximately contemporary with the state of affairs depicted on the Diplomacy board, and many of the kings who figure in our press releases are also mentioned in this piece. It refers to the Hague Tribunal, established in 1899 under the initiative of Tsar Nikolai II. From internal evidence it appears that "An International Police Force" was written before relations between Great Britain and Germany became as strained as they were in 1914.

One coincidental point about this piece is the presence of a troublesome Latin American leader named Castro. This was Cipriano Castro, absolute ruler of Venezuela from 1899 to 1908. He was a pronunciamento dictator of the classic Latin American type, and in 1902 several European powers threatened to blockade Venezuela unless he paid his bills. The stage was set for a take-over on the Mexican model of 40 years previously, but the United States got up tight about the Monroe Doctrine, and the dispute was peacefully arbitrated.

"I thought," said Mr. Dooley, "that whin me young frind th' Czar iv Rooshya got up that there Dutch polis coort f'r to settle th' backyard quarr'ls among th' nations iv th' earth, 'twud be th' end iv war f'r good an' all. It looked all right to me. Why not? If be anny chanst I get meself full iv misconduct an' go ar-round thryin' to collect me debts with a gun, an' camp out in somebody's house an' won't lave, th' polis take me down to Deerin' Sthreet station an' throw me in among th' little playmates iv th' criminal, an' in th' mornin' I'm before me cousin th' chief justice, an' he confiscates th' gun an' sinds me up th' bullyvard f'r thirty days. Why not th' same thing f'r th' powers whin they go off on a tear? I thought I'd be readin' in th' pa-apers: 'Judge Oolenboff, at th' Hague coort, has a large docket yisterdah mornin'. Thirty mimbers iv th' notorious Hapsburg fam'ly was sint up f'r varyous terms, an' th' polis think they have completely broke up th' gang. Th' King iv Spain was charged with non-support, but was dismissed with a warnin'. Th' Impror iv Chiny was let off with a fine f'r maintainin' a dope joint, an' warrants was issued f'r th' owners iv th' premises, the King of England an' th' Czar iv Rooshya. Th' Sultan iv Turkey, alias Hamid th' Hick, alias th' Turrible Turk, was charged with poly-gamy. Th' Coort give him th' alternative iv five more wives or thirty days. Whin these cases had been cleared away th' bailiff led into th' dock three notorious charackters. Th' first was a large, heavy-set German, who proved to be Bill th' Bite, less known by his thrue name iv Willum H. J. E. I. K. L. M. N. O. P. Q. R. S. T., etc., Hohenzollern. By his side was an undhersized, little dark man, th' notorious Emilio Casthro, a pro-fissyonal deat-beat an' embizzler, an' a stout party be th' name iv Albert Edward or Edwards, who is said be th' internaytional polis to be behind some iv th' biggest grafts that have been run through f'r th' last twinty years, though niver so far caught with th' goods on. Hohenzollern was accused iv assault with intint to kill, robbery, blackmail, carryin' concealed weepins, an' raysistin' an officer. Edward or Edwards was charged with maintainin' a fence f'r rayceivin' stolen property an' carryin' concealed weepins. Casthro was charged with vagrancy, maintainin' a disorderly house, an' fraud.

"Th' attorney f'r th' pro-secution made out a sthrong case again' th' pris'ners. He said that Hohenzollern was a desprit charackter, who was constantly a menace to th' peace iv th' wuruld. He had no sympathy f'r Casthro, who was an idle, dangerous ruffyan, an' he hoped th' coort wud dale severely with him. He niver paid his debts, an' none iv th' neighbors' chickens was safe fr'm him. He was a low-down, worthless, mischief-makin' loafer. But Casthro's bad characker did not excuse th' other pris'ners. It seems that Casthro, who niver paid annybody annything, owed a bill with th' well-known grocery firm iv Schwartzhein an' Hicks, which he rayfused to settle. Hearin' iv this, Hohenzollern an' Edward or Edwards con-spired together to go to Casthro's place undher pretinse iv collectin' th' bill an' throw Casthro out an' take possission iv his

property. Hohenzollern was th' more vilent iv th' pair. He appeared, carryin' loaded revolvers, which he fired into th' windows iv Casthro's shop, smashed in th' dure, an' endangered th' lives iv many innocint people. He was ar-rested afther a struggle, in which he severely injured wan iv th' internaytional polis foorce, an' was carried off in a hurry-up wagon. Edward or Edwards was caught in th' neighborhood. He pretended to be an innocint spectator, but whin sarched was found to have loaded revolvers in his pocket, as well as an address to th' Christian nations iv th' wuruld justifyin' his conduct an' denouncin' his accomplice. Casthro was taken into custody on gin'ral principles. Th' prosecution asked that an example be made iv th' pris'ners.

"Afther tistymony had been inthrofooced showin' th' bad charackter iv th' men in th' dock, Hohenzollern was put on th' stand to testify in his own definse. He swore that he had no imity again' Casthro, but Schwartzheim iv Schwartzheim an' Hicks, was a German frind iv his, an' he wint down to see that no injustice was done him. "Did he ask ye to go?" ast th' coort. "No," says th' pris-ner, "but me pristige as a slugger wud be in danger if I didn't go over an' punch this here little naygur," he says. "Niver, niver shud it be said that a German citizen sha'n't be able to collect his debts annywhere but in Germany," he says. "Th' mailed fist," he says, "is iver raised f'r th' protiction -" "No more iv that," says th' judge. "This is a coort iv law. Hohenzollern, ye're a dangerous man. Ye're noisy, ritous, an' offinsive. I'm determined to make an example iv ye, an' I sintince ye to stay in Germany f'r th' rest iv ye'er Nachral life, an' may th' Lord have mercy on ye'er sowl. As f'r ye, Edwards ye'er even worse. I will hold ye without bail ontill th' polis can collect all their ividence again' ye. Casthro, ye're discharged. Th' worst thing I cud think iv doin' to ye is to sind ye back to ye'er beautiful Vin-zwala." The pris'ner Hohenzollern made a dimonsthration while bein' raymoved fr'm th' dock. It is undherstud that Edward or Edwards has offered to tell all he knows, an' promises to implicate siv'ral prominent parties."

"That's th' way I thought 'twould be. Be Hivins, Hinissy, I looked forward to th' day whin, if a king, impror, or czar started a rough-house, th' blue 'bus wud come clangin' through th' sthreet's an' they'd be hauled off to Holland f'r thrile. I looked to see th' United States Sinit pulled ivry month or two, an' all th' officers iv th' navy fugitives fr'm justice. I thought th' coort wud have a kind iv a bride-well built, where they'd sind th' internaytional dhunks an' disorderhlies, an' where ye cud go anny day an' see Willum Hohenzollern cooperin' a bar'l, an' me frind Joe Chamberlain peggin' shoes, while gr-reat war iditors, corrayspondints, statesmen, an' other disturbers iv th' peace walked around in lock-step, an' th' keeper iv th' jail showed ye a book filled with photygrafts iv th' mos' notoryous iv thim: 'Number two thousand' an' wan, Joe Chamberlain, proffissional land-grabber, five years'; or 'Willum Hohenzollern, all-round ruffyan, life.'

"That wud be th' fine day whin th' wagon wud be backed up in fr-ront iv th' parly-mints iv th' wuruld an' th' bull-pen wud be full iv internaytional grafters, get-rich-quick op'rators, an' sthrong-ar-rm men; whin th' Monroe docthrine wud be condimted as a public nuisance, an' South America wud be burned undher ordhers iv th' coort. But it hasn't come. The coort is there noddin' over th' docket jus' like a coort, while outside th' rowdies ar-re shootin' at each other, holdin' up Chinymen an' naygurs, pickin' pockets, blowin' safes, an' endangerin' th' lives iv dacint people. They'se a warrant out f'r Bill Hohenzollern, but they'se no wan to sarve it. He's on th' rampage, breakin' windows an' chasin' people over th' roofs, while Edward or Edwards stands around th' corner waitin' f'r th' goods to be delivered an' savin' his ammunytion to use it on his pal if they quarrel over th' divide. There's th' internaytional coort, ye say, but I say where ar-re the polis? A coort's all r-right enough, but no coort's anny good unless it is backed up be a continted constabulary, its countrys pride, as th' pote says. Th' Czar iv Rooshya didn't go far enough. Wan good copper with a hickory club is worth all th' judges between Amsterdam an' Rotterdam. I want to see th' day whin just as Bill Hohenzollern an' Edward or Edwards meets on th' corner an' prepares a raid on a laundry a big polisman will step out iv a dure an' say: 'I want ye, Bill, an' ye might as well come along quiet.' But I suppose it wud be just th' same thing as it is now in rale life."

This is  
O At  
P Great  
E Intervals  
R This  
A Appears  
T To  
I Inflame  
O Optic  
N Nerves

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"How's that?" asked Mr. Hennessy.

"All the biggest crooks wud get on th' polis force," said Mr. Dooley.

## THE ADVENTURES OF SECRET AGENT O-O-HATE

### Chapter LV

Hot on the trail of the plot by the sinister forces of World Peace to make the President lose interest in the war, Secret Agent O-O-Hate and his teen-age assistant Burner entered the Washington headquarters of the Teamsters' Union.

"Holy Pickets, O-O-Hate," Burner said as the walked down the classic colonnade beneath the majestic Latin motto "Aut Hoffa Aut Nihil", "I'm nervous about being in this hotbed of labor union red radicalism."

"You don't need to worry about these men," O-O-Hate reassured him. "Five years ago, at a Senate hearing, General Goldwater told Hoffa 'For the good of the union movement, I am very hopeful that your philosophy prevails.' Remember that the head of the Teamsters' Union is a faithful supporter of the American Way of War. That's why he occupies the honorable position which he now holds!"

The two dedicated opponents of the International Pacifist Conspiracy entered the Membership Office and asked to see the list of Negro members.

"Hey, Justin!" the Membership Secretary shouted. "Bring out the dinge file!"

As O-O-Hate and Burner started looking through the file, the Teamster asked them, "You ain't from the Justice Department, are you?"

"No," said O-O-Hate.

"Well, can you help us get rid of them spooks?"

"Not right now," O-O-Hate replied. "We're looking for a colored truck driver who delivers a load of pigs to the White House every few days."

"Oh, you mean ol' Rastus," the Teamster said. "We're not worried about Rastus. He knows his place, and always says 'Sir'. I thought you were worried about one of those black power civil rights radicals, like the one I saw reading Booker T. Washington's autobiography on the loading dock the other day."

"Is this him?" O-O-Hate pulled out a file. "The name on it is 'Rastus Turnipseed.'"

"Yes, that's ol' black Rastus." The Teamster pointed out a picture in the file. It showed a black man in a wool hat, with a broad grin on his face, and his eyeballs turned up.

"Holy Stepin Fetchit!" Burner exclaimed. "That looks like him, but the man we're after has a beard, and dresses differently."

"He's obviously trying to disguise himself!" O-O-Hate said. "Things are looking desperate! Quick, Burner! We're off to our next stop - the Green Beret Orphans' Home!"

(( That information about this underhanded plot will O-O-Hate and Burner find at the orphans' home? Follow their adventures in future issues of GRAUSTARK! ))

## THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

James Latimer, who is possibly the most active player in postal Diplomacy, is now back at his summer address: 4011 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, Md. 20023.

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Worried about a Long Hot Summer? Read Ether 9, 12.

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Not only Senator Hruska (Rep., Nebr.), as reported in the last GRAUSTARK, but also Senator Hart (Dem., Mich.) has voted repeatedly against effective gun control legislation. Both these men have been appointed to the presidential commission to investigate the causes of violence.

Rod Walker suggests that the purpose of naming Hruska is to rub his nose in the consequences of unrestricted ownership of guns.

## THE WALLACE MEMORIAL

by John Beshara

"I pledge allegiance to the flag  
Of the United States of America  
And to the Republic for which it stands  
One nation, indivisible  
With liberty and justice for all."

With this pledge America's children start school and thus begin their participation in a society without dignity, without ethics, without a reverence for life; their first public act is a lie. If instead they were to pledge "with liberty and justice for all affluent Anglo-Saxons" they would at least be approaching truth, and hopefully one day they might minimally become familiar with their ethical responsibilities in a civilized society.

Schweitzer has a fine definition of these responsibilities:

"Whenever life whose development we can influence is in question, our concern with it, and our responsibility for it, are not satisfied by our maintaining and furthering its existence; they demand that we shall try to raise it to its highest value in every respect. Reverence for life demands, therefore, as the ideal of the material and spiritual being of man, that with the completest possible development of all his faculties and in the widest possible freedom, both material and spiritual, he should struggle to be honest with himself and to take a sympathetic and helpful interest in all the life that is around him." (The Philosophy of Civilization, 1949.)

When Lawrence Peery published "A Profile in Courage: Lurleen Wallace" and then reaffirmed his position after being criticized by me and others, he compelled me to write a more serious justification for the horror I previously expressed privately.

Man is only as perfect as he is capable of being; he cannot help but reflect the imperfections of his being and society. These imperfections become embedded in our children at an early age, even before the start of school. It is not unreasonable that while they are still in their twenties, the bright ones like Peery cannot always fathom them.

Schweitzer did not equivocate: Our responsibility demands that we shall try to raise man to his highest value in every respect. The greater our position in life, the greater our responsibility. For a governor of a state, even a woman, that demand does not mean merely to do better than our predecessor or better than someone else who might have been elected. If Mrs. Wallace was more tolerant than her husband or Kissin' Jim Folsom, does that mean she was not an intolerant bigot and is to be commended? I would as soon canonize the devil for lowering the temperature of hell by one degree.

If a mother, because of her lack of education, fails to see that her ill child gets medical attention, and subsequently that ill child dies, is she ethically responsible? She is, just as much as if she had strangled the child with her own hands. As it is with this mother, so it is with Lurleen Wallace. Ignorance is only bliss - not justification for irresponsibility.

No one can dispute that Lurleen Wallace conspired with her husband both during his governorship and hers to defraud the people of Alabama of millions of dollars which they used for their selfish purposes. Had that money been used to build the hospitals Alabama needs, or to feed the hungry, or to educate the illiterate, how many lives might she have saved? Is she ethically responsible for those deaths? What Peery is saying is that she is not because she did what "she believed proper". It is of no consequence whether or not we agree with Lurleen Wallace's definition of what is proper, or whether or not what she did was proper, for propriety is not a factor of the nature of our ethical responsibilities in a civilized society.

One may have sympathy for the tragedy of Mrs. Wallace, possibly even empathy; but to endow her with "courage, dedication, and nobility" one would have to be insensitive to the tragedy of those she has disenfranchised.

## THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

Owing to a lack of space, answers to the quiz in GRAUSTARK #160 will be postponed until the next issue. Other readers wanting to get in answers to this quiz have two more weeks in which to write.

JOHN BESHARA, Apt. 1021, 155 W. 68th St., New York, N. Y. 10023: Surely you cannot take Kuzlik seriously; surely the church doesn't.

((Kuzlik, quoted in GRAUSTARK #161, is the man who wants to canonize Lurleen Wallace. I hope she makes it; I would like to see the spectacle of Larry Peery knocking his head against the floor in front of her icon - while her husband's goons kick his behind for supporting a red integrationist like Johnson.))

GEORGE HEAP, P. O. Box 1487, Rochester, N. Y. 14603: Technical question: In Spring 1910 of 1967U, Germany had to make a retreat for his army (formerly) in Prussia. Beshara told me over the phone that it had gone to Berlin. We made our moves accordingly...I presume Miller had written or phoned you of his intentions. Would you have allowed him to call in, before your deadline, and change the direction of his retreat?

((No. Retreats, removals, and builds should be made without diplomacy, according to the rules. Thus, changes of moves under the circumstances you describe are not likely to be accepted. I am considering setting a deadline of one week on all "Winter" moves, and will poll players on this point in the fall.

((Incidentally, Beshara is under no obligation according to the rules to inform you correctly as to the direction of his retreat.))

...Just read Pitsiga. Gaaah! Have you ever played Risk, particularly with the "Modified French Rules" used by the M. I. T. Science-Fiction Society group? I've seen at least three sets of Parker Brothers rules, progressively making the game shorter, and more open to luck. As I learned it, it resembles Diplomacy to the extent of combining skill with diplomatic ability. In some ways, it seems more a game of skill than Diplomacy.

ANDERS SWENSON, 145 Ponderosa Lane, Walnut Creek, Calif. 94598: I think that the experiment in replacement players has proven that the whole idea is quite a poor one. Wells was out here last week - he agrees that the system of providing replacements has serious flaws, and he says that he has serious thoughts of abandoning the replacement player rule in any games he may run in the future.

CONRAD VON METZKE, 5327 Hilltop Dr., San Diego, Calif. 92114: Pursuant to your latest GRAUSTARK and the whereabouts of outlets for the purchase of Diplomacy: I am advised that Walker Scott, downtown, handles the game...I know the May Company (Missouri Valley Centre) has it too. There are supposedly other outlets, but I am not aware of them; however, these two should be sufficient, as San Diego is not all that spread out, and both locations are reasonably centralized. The prices at both places are standard (\$7.50)...

I also have a gripe about your phraseology. You state, "...the friends of war have taken more direct measures to silence such (war) critics. Dr. King has been murdered..." That on earth inspires you to presume, without benefit of any evidence whatsoever, that the murderer of Dr. King was a pro-war sympathizer. ((The fact that "Eric Starvo Galt", as he called himself, was working for the Wallace campaign in Los Angeles before he came east to kill King. These facts were known at the time GRAUSTARK #157, from which these words are quoted by von Metzke. And George Wallace is the only presidential candidate who supports the American invasion of Vietnam in all its enormity.)) As I understand the tenets of the American legal system, it is assumed that nobody did anything until it is proven in a court of law to the contrary. ((As I understand the American legal system, Byron de la Beckwith did not kill Medgar Evers. Does anyone out there believe that?))

DAVE LEBLING, 3 Rollins Court, Rockville, Md. 20852: I disagree with your "observation" on the front of #159. I, for example, did not always agree with Dr. King, especially on the matter of the war, yet I feel I have every right to mourn him. It is a very different thing to mourn for someone as a person than to mourn "politically". You have a regrettable tendency to take your politics into your personal life.

((I'm on our side.))

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the councils of the Tsar and the Cabinet' to urge a 'change of policy towards the Reich'

"The latest message, received today at 9:00 AM, Constantinople time, purports to propose a secret alliance between Russia and Italy against the Empire, and states that 'in the interest of self-preservation' the Empire should ally with the Reich 'to defeat the aggressors arming against us'."

The spokesman paused a moment to fish out another paper from his brief-case.

"We replied approximately as follows: 'The government of the Ottoman Empire, recognizing the danger inherent in the arms buildup on the Polish border, and also recognizing the ever-present danger of conflict with the British Empire and its allies should war with Germany break out, also recognizing the provisions of the Treaty of Konigsberg with regard to the Russian Empire and the Austrian Empire to be still valid as written, and furthermore recognizing the friendship that has long existed between Germany and Turkey, must still decline to use its armed forces against the Russian Empire, its allies or possessions, for the following reasons:

"One. The Treaty of Konigsberg pertains only to such situations in which both the signees are attacked by one power. In the event of this, the German Reich may rest assured that the Turkish Empire will of course come to its aid.

"Two. It is widely known that the Reich has been providing arms and technical advice to the Kingdom of Italy, at present in a state of war with the Turkish Empire. Such aid is specifically prohibited under the Paris Disarmament Agreement of 1899, and under the Treaties of Konigsberg and Kaiserslautern.

"Three. The Empire is presently engaged in a war with the Italian Kingdom which commands some two-thirds of the available armed power of the Turkish Empire.

"Four. The Turkish Empire is at present engaged in a war with the Persian Empire which commands some one-sixth of the armed power of the Turkish Empire.

"Five. The Turkish Empire is at present allied with the Russian Empire under the provisions of the Treaty of Odessa, signed in April of 1900, which expressly forbids military aid to any nation under arms against any signee of the treaty.

"Accordingly the Turkish Empire finds it impossible to come to the aid of the German Empire at this time, for the reasons given above. We hope this communication will serve as proper answer to yours of the 2nd, 9th, and 17th of March, 1904."

"The communication is signed, 'The Revolutionary Council, for, Sultan Mohammed VI.'"

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY (continued from p. 4): the States for me to travel there? Regards. Faas?"

"The message was addressed to Executive Newsphoto Editor F. A. Resch, who replied: "...Plan is to take you personally into government-controlled villages only. Regards. Resch." - from the Associated Press house organ.

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